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Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

I am a resident of Greenwich and I am writing in support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60.

These bills work in concert to defend and protect Connecticut residents from gun violence. They are common sense proposals that do not impinge on the rights of lawful and responsible gun owners,1 while working to make Connecticut a safer place for ourselves and our children. HB-7218 calls for more secure storage for firearms in the home. Surely a shoebox is not a safe container for a lethal weapon, so defining safe storage protocols is reasonable and will greatly limit the number of children who can access their parents' firearms. HB-7223 stipulates that the same safe storage laws would apply in cars.

As technologies advance, it is also critical for our state to recognize the dangers of 3D printed "ghost guns" and guns that can be assembled in use parts ordered online and assembled at home. **HB-7219** works to ensure that guns will not be available to those who have not gone through a proper background check. This is a forward-looking bill that will save lives.

Please support common sense gun legislation and do your part to make HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60 law.

Thank you,

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